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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 3.   (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said second resource planning process comprises a process of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said first shopping process comprises a process of a WebSphere™ Commerce Suite of applications.

6. . (previously presented) The method of claim 21 , including the step of:

executing an application for a banking transaction process on the data center host computer system.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein said second resource planning process comprises a process of an SAP™ ERP application .

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said second integration process comprises a process of an MQ Series™ of applications.

10 - 13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, wherein said second resource planning process comprises a process of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application.

15. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, wherein said first shopping process comprises a process of an WebSphere™ Commerce Suite of applications.

16. (previously presented) The system of claim 23 , including:

an application stored on the ~~hosting~~ host computer system and operating ~~operable~~ as banking transaction process when executed ~~executing~~ on the host computer system.

17. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein said second resource planning process comprises a process of an SAP™ ERP application.

18. (canceled)

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19. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, wherein said second integration process comprises a process of an MQ Series™ of applications.

20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) A method for offering hosting services, comprising the steps of:

a) hosting a plurality of applications on a host computer system at a data center, wherein hosting the applications includes:

executing an first shopping application for a first shopping process on the data center host computer system, the first shopping process being accessible to shoppers by Internet communications wherein the first shopping process performs the step of:

a first hosting service step, the first hosting service step including:

communicating with a first integration process and a first resource planning process via Internet communications to transact first sales, wherein the first resource planning process is a process of a first resource planning application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center and the first integration process is a process of a first integration application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center;

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executing an application for a second resource planning process on the data center host computer system, wherein the second resource planning process performs the step of:

a second hosting service step, the second hosting service step including:

communicating with a production process via Internet or dedicated link communications, wherein the production process is a process of a ~~second~~ production application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

executing an application for a second integration process on the data center host computer system, wherein the second integration process performs the steps of:

a third hosting service step, the third hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the first shopping process and the second resource planning process to transact second sales;

a fourth hosting service step, the fourth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the second resource planning process and a second shopping process, wherein the second shopping process is a process of a second shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center, the communications between the second resource planning process and the second shopping process being Internet communications to transact third sales;

a fifth hosting service step, the fifth hosting service step including:

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coupling communications between the first shopping process and a third resource planning process to transact fourth sales, wherein the third resource planning process is a process of a third resource planning application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

a sixth hosting service step, the sixth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between a certain process and a third shopping process, wherein the third shopping process is a process of a third shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center and the certain process is a process of a certain application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

b) ~~offering to customers a selection of hosting services, wherein the customers may select for the host computer system to~~ perform_ing_ a hosting service by the host computer system responsive to one of the customers selecting ~~selected~~ from among the first, second third, fourth, fifth and sixth hosting service steps, and wherein sales are transacted with shoppers for the customers responsive to ones of the selected hosting service steps being performed on the host computer system.

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22. (previously presented) A hosting system comprising:

a host computer system at a data center hosting a plurality of applications, the applications including:

a first _shopping_ application stored on the ~~hosting~~ _host computer_ system and ~~operable~~ _operating_ as a first shopping process ~~executing~~ _when executed_ on the host computer system, the first shopping process being accessible to shoppers by Internet communications, _wherein_ the _executing_ first shopping process ~~further being operable to~~ performs a first hosting service step, wherein the first hosting service step includes:

communicating with a first integration process and a first resource planning process via Internet communications to transact first sales, wherein the first resource planning process is a process of a first resource planning application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center and the first integration process is a process of a first integration application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center;

a second application stored on the ~~hosting~~ _host computer_ system and ~~operable~~ _operating_ as a second resource planning process ~~executing~~ _when executed_ on the host computer system, _wherein_ the _executing_ second resource planning process ~~further being operable to~~ performs a second hosting service step, wherein the second hosting service step includes:

communicating with a production process via Internet or dedicated link communications, wherein the production process is a process of a ~~second~~ production application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

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and

a third application stored on the ~~hosting~~ <u>host computer</u> system and ~~operable~~ <u>operating</u> as a second integration process ~~executing~~ <u>when executed</u> on the host computer system, <u>wherein the</u> <u>executing</u> second integration process ~~further being operable to~~ perform<u>s</u> a number of hosting service steps including:

   a third hosting service step including:

   coupling communications between the first shopping process and the second resource planning process to transact second sales;

   a fourth hosting service step including:

   coupling communications between the second resource planning process and a second shopping process, wherein the second shopping process is a process of a second shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center, the communications between the second resource planning process and the second shopping process being Internet communications to transact third sales;

   a fifth hosting service step including:

   coupling communications between the first shopping process and a third resource planning process to transact fourth sales, wherein the third resource planning process is a process of a third resource planning application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

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a sixth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between a certain process and a third shopping process, wherein the third shopping process is a process of a third shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center and the certain process is a process of a certain application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

wherein ~~the host computer system is operable to offer to customers a selection of hosting services, such that the customers may select for~~ the host computer system ~~to~~ perform<u>s</u> a hosting service ~~selected~~ <u>responsive to one of the customers selecting</u> from among the first, second third, fourth, fifth and sixth hosting service steps<u>, and wherein sales are transacted with shoppers for the customers responsive to ones of the hosting service steps being performed on the host computer system</u>.